

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) Bone fixing device comprising:
 - (I) a surgical cable having a first end and a second end, and
 - (II) at least a first fixing plate and a second fixing plate respectively having first and second central holes and first and second rings surrounding said first and second holes, wherein each of the first and second fixing plates has an outer edge defining an outer circumference thereof and an inner edge defining a respective one of the first and second central holes, the second fixing plate being positionable into contact with a bone part to be fixed and the first fixing plate being in a stacked position on top of the second fixing plate when positioned against the bone part to be fixed so as to establish a gap therebetween such that the first and second central holes at least partly overlap each other, wherein each of the first and second ends of the cable is connected to the first and second fixing plates, and wherein at least one of the first and second ends of the cable follows a continuous trajectory having sequential trajectory parts comprising an initial trajectory part (j) running from outside the outer edges underneath the second ring and up to the second hole, the at least one end of the cable thereafter bending upward into a first upward trajectory part (a) running through the second and the first holes, respectively, bending to an outward trajectory part (b) running across the first ring in a direction from its inner edge toward its outer edge, bending to a downward trajectory part (c) outside at least the outer edge of the first ring running in a direction opposite to the first upward trajectory part (a), bending to an inner trajectory part (d) running through the second central hole of the second ring, wherein the inner trajectory part (d) includes one and other ends, the one end thereof

being connected to a first radial trajectory part (e) running through the gap established between the first and second fixing plates and the other end thereof being connected to a second radial trajectory part (f) running underneath the second ring.

2. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the downward trajectory part (c) further runs outside the outer edge of the second ring and is connected to the other end of the inner part through the second radial trajectory part (f) running underneath the second ring from its outer edge to the second central hole, and wherein the one end of the inner part is immediately connected to the first radial trajectory part (e) running through the gap established between the first and second fixing plates in an outward direction and ending outside the plates as a-cable end.
3. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the first upward trajectory part (a), the outward trajectory part (b), the downward trajectory part (c), the inner trajectory part (d) and the first radial trajectory part (e) are arranged sequentially in order in the continuous trajectory of the cable followed by the second radial trajectory part (f) which runs underneath the second ring in a direction from the second central hole to the outer edge thereof and ends outside the first and second fixing plates as a cable.
4. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second ends of the cable follow the continuous trajectory.
5. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, further comprising a tensioning device connected to the first and second fixing rings, wherein the other of the first and second ends of the cable is fixed to the tensioning device.
6. (previously presented) Method for fixing bone parts comprising the sequential steps of positioning a bone fixing device according to claim 1 relative to the bone parts to be fixed such that the second fixing plate is positioned in contact with the

bone parts to be fixed and the first fixing plate is in a stacked position on top of the second fixing plate, followed by drawing the first and second ends of the cable to tension the cable around the bone parts to the tension required to fix the bone parts.

7. (previously presented) Method according to claim 6, further comprising inserting a bar between the first and second fixing plates before the cable is tensioned and thereafter removing the bar after the cable has been tensioned.
8. (previously presented) Method for fixing bone parts comprising the steps of applying a bone fixing device according to claim 5 around the bone parts to be fixed, followed by drawing said one end of the cable to tension the cable around the bone and then tensioning the cable to the tension required to fix the bone parts by means of the tensioning device.
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15. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second holes each encompass a center of the first and second rings, respectively.
16. (previously presented) Device according to claim 15, wherein the center of the first and second rings corresponds to a center of the first and second central holes, respectively.
17. (previously presented) Device according to claim 15, wherein the first and second holes are circular, oval, square, rectangular or other regular shape.